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also its gratification that the occasion is the choice of Mr. Hadley for administrative work of importance and of large and attractive opportunity elsewhere.

By unanimous vote, George B. Utley, librarian of the public library of Jacksonville, Florida, was elected Secretary at a salary of \$2,100 for the year 1911.

The Secretary read a communication from Dr. A. S. Root, chairman of the Committee on library training which was as follows:

"I have been delayed in answering your inquiry about expenditures being necessary by the Committee on library training, as I desired first of all to consult the members of the Committee. The wish of the members of the Committee seems to be that we renew our request for an appropriation of \$500 for the purpose of inspecting library schools. Inasmuch as no move has been made in the matter because of the uncertainty whether appropriation would be made, it is probable that not over \$250 could be expended during the next fiscal year; and if the Council could see their way clear to make this appropriation with the expectation that a similar amount would be

appropriated for the following year, it would probably meet the wishes of the Committee.

I do not see how any very intelligent modification of our present library school methods is possible until such an inspection as is desired by the Committee has been made. I do not need to argue the matter, because it has been before the Executive board twice, once with the favorable recommendation of the A. L. A. Council in addition to the recommendation of the Committee."

VOTED, that the Secretary notify Mr. Root of the Executive board's regret that it cannot comply with the Committee's request for an appropriation of \$250 for the first year's expenses of an inspection of library schools.

VOTED, to accept the resignation of Asa Don Dickinson as a member of the Committee on work with the blind, and James L. Gillis was appointed to succeed Mr. Dickinson on this Committee.

George B. Utley was appointed to succeed Mr. Hadley on the Program committee.

Board adjourned sine die,  
CHALMERS HADLEY, Secretary.

#### PUBLISHING BOARD

The Mid-winter meeting of the A. L. A. Publishing board was held in Chicago, January 3d those present being Henry E. Legler, A. E. Bostwick, Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf, C. W. Andrews and Treasurer C. B. Roden.

Mr. Legler submitted a suggested budget for 1911, which was adopted, as follows:

Dec. 1, 1910	Balance on hand.....	\$1,865.10	
Dec. 20,	Deposited P. B.....	1,109.78	\$2,974.88
Dec.	Vouchers (including balance in bank).....		2,188.23
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	In cash box.....	200.00	\$786.65
	In hands of trustees.....	1,800.00	
	Periodical cards.....	550.00	2,550.00
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			\$3,336.65
<b>Estimated revenues 1911</b>			
	Endowment fund.....	\$4,500.00	
	Sales.....	7,500.00	12,000.00
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			\$15,336.65

#### Fixed expenses:

##### A. L. A. Booklist:

Printing.....	\$1,800.00
Salaries.....	2,400.00
Rent.....	300.00
Incidentals.....	300.00
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	4,800.00

##### Periodical cards:

Printing.....	1,200.00
Salary.....	720.00
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	1,920.00

**Subject headings:**

Salary.....	1,200.00
Printing.....	2,000.00
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	3,200.00 9,920.00

**Publications, etc.:**

Hints to small libraries.....	86.00
Kroeger Supplement.....	100.00
Italian list.....	75.00
Polish list.....	100.00
Advertising.....	250.00
Addressograph.....	25.00
Express and postage.....	400.00
Travel.....	350.00
Office sundries.....	500.00
A. L. A. Headquarters.....	2,000.00
Manual of library economy.....	600.00
Pamphlet on American libraries.....	200.00
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	4,686.00 \$14,606.00

Mr. Roden submitted his report as Treasurer for 1910 as follows:

**RECEIPTS**

Jan. 9, 1910	Purd B. Wright, retiring treasurer .....	\$1,801.33
Feb. 25,	Trustees Carnegie fund.....	2,245.23
May 1,	Chalmers Hadley, Headquarters collections.....	567.68
May 2,	Chalmers Hadley, Headquarters collections.....	2,070.23
June 1,	Chalmers Hadley, Headquarters collections.....	615.32
June 28,	Chalmers Hadley, Headquarters collections.....	328.43
Sep. 2,	Chalmers Hadley, Headquarters collections.....	957.04
Nov. 2,	Chalmers Hadley, Headquarters collections.....	580.67
Nov. 7,	Chalmers Hadley, Headquarters collections.....	239.17
Nov. 7,	Trustees Carnegie fund.....	2,000.00
Dec. 29,	Chalmers Hadley, Headquarters collections.....	1,510.79
Dec. 31,	Interest on bank balance Jan.-Dec.....	21.16
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		\$12,937.05

**EXPENDITURES**

Checks No. 1-13 (vouchers 84-320 inclusive).....	12,074.21
Balance Union Trust Company, Chicago.....	862.84
<b>CREDITS:</b>	
Balance National Bank of the Republic .....	250.00
Carnegie fund, interest.....	1,772.21
Headquarters, cash box.....	163.25
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	\$3,048.30

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) CARL B. RODEN, Treasurer.

CHICAGO, January 3, 1911.

The Treasurer's report was adopted and placed on file.

Owing to the fact that press proofs of the A. L. A. Booklist can no longer be sent under the second-class postal rates, the Board voted to discontinue the printing of the Booklist press proofs and to send two copies of the Booklist in lieu thereof to complete all unexpired subscriptions.

After discussing the work of the A. L. A. Booklist it was voted to make the subscription prices as follows:

**For bulk subscriptions:**

Annual subscription .....	40c
For addressing and mailing .....	1c
For original plates (addressograph) .....	3c
For changes in plates .....	5c

**For individual copies:**

One copy to one address.....	\$1.00
For additional copies up to ten copies.....	50c each
For ten or more copies.....	40c each

The Board voted to have prepared an annual supplement to the Subject index to the Booklist.

Miss Elva L. Bascom reported on the Supplement to the A. L. A. 1904 Catalog and stated that the list of out of print books in the 1904 Catalog was prepared and that the list of new editions of books in the 1904 Catalog was nearly completed. The Board agreed to include 1910 publications in the Supplement to the A. L. A. Catalog, 1904, and also agreed to include 3,000 titles in the Supplement.

The proposed removal of the Booklist office from Madison, Wisconsin, to the Executive office in Chicago was considered and action on the proposed removal was deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf reported on the revised List of subject headings. While good progress was being made, Mrs. Elmendorf stated that owing to the amount of work necessary for the revision, the work of revising the Subject headings could not be completed before the end of the current year.

The Publishing board voted to increase its appropriation toward the expenses of the A. L. A. Executive office in Chicago from \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year.

The question of indexing library reports had been suggested by the Board during the last year and A. E. Bostwick submitted data on library reports which had been prepared by Miss Moody of the St. Louis public library. Mr. Bostwick submitted the following:

	No. of libraries	No. of reports
Public libraries....	72	2000
Library commissions	34	200 (about)
State libraries....	15	300
University libraries	5	40
Foreign libraries... (Canada and England)	5	200
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Mr. Bostwick said Miss Moody estimated that early reports would average one card and late reports two or three cards. Among some suggested topics to be considered in the index were: lectures, children, school reference collections, occupations of card holders, instruction in use of library, staff, pensions, contracts, size of rooms, periodicals, selection of books, training class, records, Sunday opening, hours of staff, open shelves, etc.

It was voted that the Chairman and Mr. Bostwick be appointed as a committee with

power to arrange for an index to library reports at an expense not to exceed \$300.

The Secretary submitted a statement as to the expense of reprinting the Index to general literature, and in view of the few requests for this Index advised against its reprinting.

The Board appointed George B. Utley to succeed Chalmers Hadley who had resigned as Secretary.

#### LEAGUE OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONS

The Middle West section of the League of library commissions held a meeting of three sessions for the informal discussion of library extension problems in Chicago, at the Congress Hotel, January 3d and 4th. There were 18 active commission workers present, 6 members of library commission boards, and a number of librarians who were in Chicago for the various library meetings of the week. Eleven commissions were represented: Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Miss Clara Baldwin, of Minnesota, President of the League, was in the chair.

The first session was devoted to a discussion of library extension from local centers; county and township libraries, adequate financial support on the part of the country patrons, and a library post as a means of getting books into rural communities.

Wednesday morning was given over to hearing reports of various League committees. Mr. Bliss, chairman of the Publications committee, reported three new publications since the Mackinac meeting, the Suggestive list of children's books, prepared by the Wisconsin commission, Miss Hassler's Graded list of stories for reading aloud, reprinted as a League publication, and the Handbook of the League. He also announced that the A. L. A. Publishing board had agreed to handle all the League publications hereafter from A. L. A. Headquarters. Miss Bascom reported the action of the Publishing board in raising the price of the Booklist to Commissions. Mr. Dudgeon reported the changes in the Constitution suggested by the Constitution committee, to provide for sectional meetings of the League. These amendments will be voted on at the next meeting of the League. Mr. Hadley reported the work of the Committee on